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Attachment A

ASSUMPTIONS

For the full period (1966-1980):

- No all-out nuclear conflict.
- No universal disarmament with true safeguards.
- Radically new--and increasingly expensive--weapons and space systems are developed; technological break-through will occur but no single power will monopolize such achievements.
- The trend of U.S. economic growth generally continues; U.S. continues as the leader of the free world.
- Gradual proliferation of advanced weapons--viz. nuclear missiles; continued testing of these weapons.
- Gradual proliferation of power centers (U.S., USSR, Communist China, Japan, Europe, and perhaps others), with attendant complications and dangers to the world scene.
- Gradual proliferation of international abrasive, international crisis, and small war situations (stimulated by communism, nationalism, racism, and radicalism).
- The industrialized nations grow richer, while most of the underdeveloped nations' difficulties (population explosion, economic, and social disarray, etc.) increase.
- U.S. influence and presence recede in various cases in Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- U.S. becomes more discriminating in its commitments abroad; stakes more on certain key allies and neutrals.

For the first five-year period (1966-1970):

- USSR remains the principal threat to U.S. national interests.
- Communist China acquires both increased stature and influence in Asia and the world, and a modest nuclear missile capability.

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- The activity in the U.S. - USSR space race accelerates without meaningful collaboration.
- "Wars of national liberation," encouraged or fostered by Communist states, continue to occur.
- Polycentrism increases among the Communist states, but does not significantly lessen Communist threats to free societies.

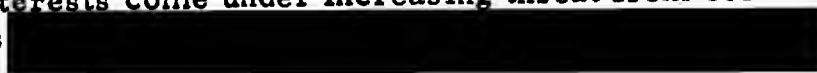


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- No definitive solutions are achieved with respect to major international problem areas (such as Kashmir, Arab-Israel, etc.).

For the following ten-year period (1971-1980):

- An ambitious, irresponsible, and increasingly powerful Communist China poses the major threat to peace and to U.S. national interests.
- Hostile Soviet competition with the U.S. continues; the USSR nevertheless periodically explores detente with the U.S.
- Manned space race proceeds; new nations enter the unmanned space field; hostile competition in space becomes possible.
- Local armed clashes increase in the world.
- Severe economic dislocations occur in individual countries.
- Solutions are reached for some present international crisis areas, but others arise.
- Growing cooperation between Western and Eastern Europe.
- U.S. interests come under increasing threat from certain new sources



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